Carver High School

Hello Readers! Again, we are about to bid you Adieu until next year, shall we say Christmas season arrived early this year. Um - we must be enjoying school.

The Principal sends us the following message: Here we are again at the opening of another Christmas season. Many a seat will be vacant at our Christmas table because of the unsettled state of affairs in the world. This need not happen again if we would dispense with the paganistic idea of Christmas and put the Christ back into our Christmas. Let all men forget the petty differences and begin to permeate the idea of Christian brotherhood. Let every man remember that Christmas is the birthday of a King. A King whose power and glory has no bounds, whose goodness and humility has no equals, whose love and affection exceeds all earthly power. Let us remember that this Babe, born in a manger of humble parents, is our God. He was born to bring peace to the world. Let us thank Him for our nation of free men, for freedom of speech, freedom to worship Him as our hearts dictate. Finally, ask Him to give our leader strength to guide our nation through these fateful years so that we, under God, may not perish but take our place among nations as the citadel for all democratic and free men. May the spirit of the Christ child enter our heart during this Christmas season.

—J. Thomas Butler, Principal.

The icy Tuesday past was a surprise to us all. It disappeared as soon as we were about to enjoy it.

The "Miss Carver" contest closed on Wednesday, but at this writing, we have not received the returns of who won. After the holidays, we'll post you.

Mr. Eric Lund, of Station WLVA, was here on Wednesday to assist scripts for the broadcast. Thursday he returned for the tape recording. Don't forget to listen in on December 20th at 12:45 P. M. for the Carver broadcast.

The Juniors, they tell us, are a little worried over some of their six weeks exams. I guess some of the students in all classes were a bit worried.

After the holidays, the eleventh grade girls are going to begin their cooking unit.

The N. H. A. girls plan to have a Christmas party, at which they will serve sandwiches, cookies, and punch. They will also exchange gifts.

The eighth grade wonders what happened to all their students during this cold weather.

Rosa Jones, Viola Johnson and Georgia Scruggs should stop talking in class.

Gloria Jenkins has journeyed to Baltimore for the holidays.

The ninth grade class is having a Christmas party Friday, December 21.

Report cards are out. Who made what?

The Seniors are presenting scripts written from their book reports in English class. Some are good.

We bring our news to a close. We wish for each of our readers a very Merry Christmas, and a most happy and prosperous New Year.

Senator Capper dies of pneumonia.

Maryland defeats Washington and Lee in basketball.

Negro Hospital in Martinsville to open February 1.

Most postoffices putting on extra help to handle Christmail rush of mail.

Christmas Helps World's Economy

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense, this is true to some extent.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an understatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme one of giving, rather than of receiving? Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of Childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain the Christmas story.

Christmas Services

Memorial Methodist
R. Carl Maxwell, Minister
Appomattox, Virginia

9:45 A. M. Sunday School. Claude W. Smith, Superintendent.

10:40 A. M. Junior Choir Practice.

10:45 A. M. Dedication of Infants.

"He shall Be Lent to the Lord."

11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. Christmas sermon: "Late, Yet too Soon." Anthems by the Adult Choir: "Tidings of Great Joy," Ira Wilson. "Prince of Peace," Fred B. Holton.

6:45 P. M. Methodist Youth Fellowship.

8:00 P. M. Program of Christmas Music, by the Youth Choir, under the direction of Mr. Bernard Williamson.

Next Sunday, December 30, at 7:30 P. M., a Methodist Student Recognition Service will be participated in by the High School Seniors and College Students of the Church. Thirteen college students and nine seniors will be the guests of Circle No. 4 after the student program at the church. The group will be entertained at the Lee Restaurant.

"Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

January 1 strike ultimatum issued by steelworkers.

Mistletoe Outlived Sinister Meaning

Mistletoe, once used as a weapon of death, is now almost a universal symbol of love and peace.

According to Norse mythology, there was a god named Balder, who personified the sun. Loki, another god, plotted to destroy Balder.

Balder's mother, when she first learned of Loki's intentions to kill her son, obtained a promise from all living things that they would not harm Balder. All agreed, but the mistletoe, so it was with a mistletoe arrow that Loki induced Balder's blind brother, Hoder, to kill the sun god.

Higher powers intervened however, and Balder was restored to life. The mistletoe was placed under Frigga's care, and the mother of Balder saw that it was never again used to do harm.

The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be used as an instrument of evil.

The word "carol" is supposed to be derived from the Italian word "caroli", meaning "a song of devotion."

St. Ann Episcopal Church
Appomattox, Va.

The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, Jr.,
Minister-in-charge
Sunday, December 23

9.45—Church School.

8:00 P. M. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Monday, December 24

11:00 P. M. Christmas Candlelight Service. Special music by Mrs. David Goode and Mr. Walter Dresser.

Christmas Day

9:15 A. M. Morning Prayer.

The Church will be open all day Christmas for prayer and meditation. You are cordially invited to come in and give thanks to God for His blessings at this Season.

BONUSES DISTRIBUTED BY GRINELS MOTOR CO.

Christmas bonuses were distributed to employees of the Grinels Motor Company last Friday evening at a dinner meeting. The presentation was made by Mr. [illegible]

Guests at the dinner were Congressman and Mrs. Watkins M. Abbitt and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson, and wives of the employees, and Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] H. Thomas, of Baltimore. Mr. Thomas will be employed by the Grinels Motor Company as manager as of January 1, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will move to Appomattox.

SANTA TO BE HERE THIS SATURDAY

Santa Claus will be in Appomattox this Saturday.

The Lions Club will sponsor the annual visit of Santa Claus. He invites all children to meet him at approximately 2:30 P. M. There will be gifts for the children.

If the weather is suitable Santa will arrive by plane, the committee announces.

The Farmers National Bank
Appomattox, Virginia

A heartfelt "Merry Christmas to all of you, good friends

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Appomattox, Va.

We wish you the old-fashioned holiday happiness with a new and vigorous spirit

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Let's all do our best to have the happiest holiday of our lives

T. Hunter Dickerson
Appomattox, Va.

Richwood

Richwood, Dec. 18.- "Sorrow leaves us good; it teaches us to know our friends." —Quoted.

Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and E. R. Davis, of Lynchburg, were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and E. R. Davis visited with Mr. and Mrs. Will Garrett Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and daughter were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Miss Marvis Wooldridge visited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh on Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Watt, of Washington spent a few days last week at their home here and with friends.

Route One

ROUTE ONE, Dec. 18.- Mrs. Mike Johnson and Mrs. Jim Marshall were joint hostesses on Wednesday to the Susan Haar Home Demonstration Club. Mrs. Raymond Rosser, vice-president, conducted the meeting. Mrs. B. G. Anderson and Mrs. Fredia Walker gave the demonstration on pie mix. Miss Ava Chilton gave a demonstration on Christmas decorations. Christmas Carols were sung and gifts were exchanged among the members.

Ray Hudson, USN Navy, was in Appomattox over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hall and little daughter, Patty, of Dublin, visited in the home of Mrs. L. B. Hudson recently.

Binnie Nash, U. S. Navy, is spending a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Nash, after finishing his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.

A. H. S. Blue Hornets to play New London in basketball games tonight at Concord.

Sleet covered most of state Tuesday.

Over 500 Federal employees face loyalty recheck.

Give a subscription to the home county newspaper.

Custom of 'Pinata' Observed in Mexico, Is Spreading to U.S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time.

The pinata is made of thin, fragile clay, and is filled with sweetmeats and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling.

Each of the guests, not always only just children—is blindfolded and given a stick. The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out, whence a mad scramble takes place for the spoils.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children. Tradition decrees that they must wait until the final day of the 21-day Christmas season to receive their gifts.

Christmas Was Once Holiday That Moved About on Calendar

Christmas was once a movable feast. The eastern branches of the Christian church usually celebrated it in April or May. Western Europe sometime in January.

In 337 A.D., St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century observed the date of January 7, because they use the Julian calendar, which lists December 25 on that date by our calendar.

Name of General Dean on the prisoner of war list exchanged by Reds.

IMPORTANT: See the coupon on PAGE NINE for a FREE Christmas gift from Santa Claus.

Appomattox is a growing town.

HELPING SANTA

When Buying Toys for Children

If you wish your child to get the most available from this year's toys, be sure to look for the five major qualities recommended by specialists.

Toys to be thoroughly satisfying for the small fry should have five major qualities, say specialists at the college of home economics, Cornell.

First, toys should be durable to withstand the rough and tumble of any one child and his playmates. Sturdy toys can be repaired and repainted and passed on for the enjoyment of other youngsters, in or out of the family.

Toys should be simple and easy to handle and operate. Simple playthings are more likely to hold interest through long child-hours and less likely to be shelved permanently.

Toys should be safe to use—without sharp corners or rough places or poor paint that might be harmful to a youngster. And toys should be washable.

Finally, toys should have what the specialists call a "do-with" quality. Good old stand-bys such as wagons, blocks, clay, sand, finger paints, and the like may fit into the child's interest of the moment.

Let's all do our best to have the happiest holiday of our lives

T. Hunter Dickerson
Appomattox, Va.

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